

Wakefield Eleven Was Strong On Ground

Final figures on Wakefield's nine game grid schedule for 1954, show a strong running team, weak on passes, sharp on defense, and about average in the penalty column.

Top game during the season statistic wise, was against Annandale, which the Warriors won 27-0. They ran up a total of 15 first downs, 14 by rushing and one by penalty, amassing a total of 303 yards, all by rushing. It was also a good day for the punter, who averaged a fancy 39.9 on two punts. The only bad point of the game was in the infraction department, showing the Warriors being penalized 85 yards.

Their best defensive game was against the St. Johns varsity, when they allowed their opponent a total of only nine yards rushing and two yards by the air lanes. One other high point in the Warriors favor, was in punt returns on their opening game with George Mason, losers by 7-6, when they ran the ball back 99 yards. In this game they posted 10 first downs to seven for their opponent, rushed for 104 yards against 67 but lost out in the passing game, gaining only 24 yards to 59 by their victors. Complete summaries for the nine games in each category are as follows:

STATISTICS—1954

75—First Downs Rushing
6—First Downs Passing
5—First Downs Penalties
51—Passes Attempted
13—Passes Completed
12—Passes Intercepted By
1488—Net Yardage Rushing
290—Net Yardage Passing
1778—Total Net Yardage
25—Number Punts
30.3—Average Distance Punts
324—Yardage Punt Returns
24—Fumbles
15—Opponent's Fumbles Recovered
289—Yardage Lost Penalties
78—Opponent's First Downs
863—Opponent's Yardage Rushing
612—Opponent's Yardage Passing
1475—Opponent's Total Yardage